

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2008. Claims 1-4, 14-17, and 22-24 have been cancelled and claims 18-20 have been amended; as such, claims 18-21 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance is requested in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Claims 18-20 have been only amended in accordance with the recommendations made by the Office Action of October 24, 2008 to address the claim objections.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 18-20. Claims 18-20 have been amended in accordance to the recommendations set forth in the Office Action to address the objections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates that claims 18-21 are allowed, except for the informalities set forth in the claim objections with respect to claims 18-20. Applicant submits that claims 18-20 have been amended to address the claim objections and should now be allowable. Therefore, it is submitted that by this amendment claims 18-21 are allowable, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability regarding the subject matter of these claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,159,633 to Nakamura ("Nakamura") in view of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0118837 to Hamilton ("Hamilton").

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Nakamura in view of Hamilton and U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0066456 to Read ("Read").

Claims 14-17 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hamilton in view of Read.

By this amendment, claim 1-4, 14-17 and 22-24 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection as to these claims is now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2960 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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